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CULTIVATION AND PROMOTION OF BT. BRNJAL
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether field trial have been conducted on BT. Brinjal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has allowed cultivation of BT. Brinjal in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the methods for supply of BT. Brinjal seeds to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a)&(b) Yes Sir. Large scale confined field trial on Bt brinjal have been conducted at 11 locations within the State Agricultural Universities viz., Punjab, Haryana, Maharashtra, Gujarat, M.P., Tamil Nadu,Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, Chhatisgarh and Karnataka.

(c),(d)&(e) The Government has not allowed commercial cultivation of Bt brinjal in the country and only research trials are going on. Since there is no commercial cultivation of Bt brinjal, question of the supply of Bt brinjal seed does not arise.